

Nutrition Services Department of State Health Services

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Immunization Quality Assurance

Purpose

To maintain and verify that minimum standards and requirements consistent with the DSHS Disease Prevention and Intervention Unit are met by local agencies (LAs) who are contracted to provide on-site immunizations. To maintain and verify that all other LAs perform immunization screening and referral procedures as required by USDA.

Authority

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) WIC Policy

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Each LA shall be monitored by DSHS quality assurance staff annually.

Procedures

- I. The following program areas shall be addressed:
 - A. monitoring tools;
 - B. pediatric guidelines; and
 - C. barriers to immunization delivery.
- II. Issues that are noted that represent a serious threat to health or safety shall result in immediate intervention by WIC or immunization personnel. The authorizing physician shall be notified immediately.
- III. All health and safety issues shall be documented in writing and provided to the LA WIC Director, LA immunization personnel and a copy sent to the state agency (SA) WIC Immunization Coordinator.

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- IV. Corrective action taken as a result of monitoring shall be documented and available for review.
- V. Educational opportunities and technical assistance shall be made available via local and regional Immunization Program personnel.
- VI. A self-audit shall be completed annually. Forms may be developed locally utilizing areas on the DSHS Immunization Survey. Audit results shall be kept on file and made available during the LA immunization monitoring/review.